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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and political philosophy; the history of moral and political philosophy (esp. Kant)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

PPE; ethics; moral psychology; the history of modern philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

2019- Assistant Professor (research)
Department of Philosophy
The University of New Orleans

2019- Assistant Director
Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute
The University of New Orleans

2018-2019 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
The Freedom Project
Wellesley College

EDUCATION

2018 PhD, Philosophy
University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Dissertation: Political Obligations and Provisional Rights: A Study in Kant's Politics of Freedom (awarded the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal)

2017-2018 Research Fellow
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt a.M.

2013 M.A., Philosophy
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

2011 B.A., Philosophy
Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

2019 Kant's Provisionality Thesis, *Kantian Review* (forthcoming)

2016 Desert in liberal justice: beyond institutional guarantees, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 46(2), 248-267.

2015 Situationism and the Neglect of Negative Moral Education (with Chris Surprenant), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 18(4), 835-849.

Book Chapters

2019 The Paradox of Outer Necessitation in (and after) Kant's 1784 course on *Naturrecht.* In Gianluca Sadun Bordoni, Annika Schlitte, and Margit Ruffing Ed.), *Naturrect Feyerabend,* De Gruyter. (Forthcoming.)

2017 Kant, Smith, and the Place of Virtue in Political and Economic Organization, in (Elizabeth Robinson and Chris Surprenant Ed.), *Kant and the Scottish Enlightenment,* Routledge.

Book Reviews

2014 *Mill's Progressive Principles* by David O. Brink. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 47(4), 161-166.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 "Kant Against Paternalism"
International Kant Congress, The University of Oslo

2019 "Assessing the Costs and Benefits of Regulation: On the Limits of Regulatory Oversight"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics

2018 "Laws to Ourselves, Laws to Others: Right and Outer Necessitation in (and after) Kant's 1784 course on *Naturrecht"*
Die Stellung des „Naturrechts Feyerabend" innerhalb der Entwicklung des kantischen Moraldenkens Analysen und Perspektiven

2018 "What's Really Wrong with Property in the State of Nature, for Kant?"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics

2017 "Ideals in Kant's Politics" (with Lucy Allais)
European Consortium for Political Research, University of Oslo

2017 "The Problem of Limited Government"
Society for Politics, Philosophy and Economics

2016 "Kant, Smith, and the Place of Virtue in Political and Economic Organization"
History of Philosophy Roundtable (UCSD)

2016 "Justice and Enforeceability" (poster presentation)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

2016 "Toward Secular Salvation"
Pacific Meeting, Society for Christian Philosophers

2014 "Transcendental Idealism, Freedom and Teleology: Grounding Kant's Theory of Moral Obligation"
Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

2013 "Morality, Self-Respect, and the Priority of Liberty"
7th Annual Felician Ethics Conference

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2020 "External Freedom and Autonomy"
The University of Gottingen
2019 "Freedom of Expression and the Liberalism of Fear: A defense of the darker Mill"
Wellesley College, *The Freedom Project*
2018 "The Right to Obscene Work"
The University of New Orleans
2018 "Laws to Ourselves, Laws to Others: External Right and Outer Necessitation between 1784 and 1797"
Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, a.M.
2013 "Morality, Self-Respect, and the Priority of Liberty"
The Alexis de Tocqueville Project (University of New Orleans)

TEACHING

As Instructor:

2019 Wellesley College
Philosophy 242: Existentialism
2019 Wellesley College
Philosophy 213: Justice
2018 Wellesley College
Philosophy 246: Toleration and its Limits
2017 University of California, San Diego
Philosophy 13: Introduction to Ethics: Pluralism, Disagreement, and the Good Life
2016 University of California, San Diego Extensions
Introduction to Philosophical Ethics: Toleration
2015 University of California, San Diego Extensions
Introduction to Philosophical Ethics
2013 Georgia State University
Introduction to Philosophy: Gender, Race, and Class
2012 Georgia State University
Introduction to Philosophy

As Teaching Assistant:

2013-2018 University of California, San Diego

Ethics and Society
Introduction to Ethics
Knowledge and its Limits
Self Defense and Just War Theory
Ancient Philosophy
HUM 1: *Foundations of Western Civilization*
HUM 2: *The Rise and Fall of Rome*
HUM 3: *Renaissance and Reformation Europe*
HUM 4: *Romanticism*
HUM 5: *Modern Culture*
The Morality of Self-Defense and Just War Theory
Philosophy and Race
Introduction to Logic
Ethics and Society II: The French Revolution (Reacting to the Past)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 UCSD Chancellor's Dissertation Medal
2017-2018 UCSD Frontiers for Innovation Scholarship Program ($25,000)
2017-2018 DAAD (German Academic Exchange) Fellowship (€12,000)
2013-2017 Humane Studies Fellowship

SERVICE

2018 Visiting research fellow and academic liaison for *The Freedom Project* at Wellesley College
2018 Session Chair: Current Theories of Legal Obligation, Goethe-universität
2015-2018 Advisory Board Member for UCSD's Summer Program for Women in Philosophy
2014-2016 Graduate Student Representative, UCSD
2014 Session Chair: UCSD's Conference on the Metaphysics and Ethics of Omissions
2012 GSU Phi Sigma Tau, Vice President

COMMENTS

2019 The Right to Freedom, Democratic Equality, and Socio-economic Rights
The Western Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
2019 'The Relation between Private and Public Right in Kant's Doctrine of Right' by Jeppe von Platz
The Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
2018 'A Permissive Theory of Territorial Rights' by Lea Ypi
A Kantian International Order - Principles and Institutions (Goethe Universität)
2017 'Kant on Revolution' (*panel discussant*)
European Consortium for Political Research (University of Oslo)
2017 'Can democratic equality ground political authority?' by Dan Waxman
Liberty and Well-Being (Merton College, Oxford)
2016 'Kant and the Problem of Assurance' by Ralf Bader
Kant, Rights and the State (Merton College, Oxford)
2016 'Plural Voting for the Twenty-first Century,' by Thomas Mulligan
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (CU, Boulder)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Formal methods in liberal and democratic theory (political science), David Wiens
20th century legal and political philosophy (independent study), Richard Arneson
Kant's political philosophy (independent study), Lucy Allais
Game theory (political science), David Wiens
Kant's political philosophy (independent study), Eric Watkins
Spinoza, Donald Rutherford
Kant's Practical Philosophy, Lucy Allais and Eric Watkins
Justice and equality in ancient greek philosophy, Georgios Anagnostopoulos and Gerasimos Santas
Freedom, friendship and morality, Dana Nelkin
Metaethics, David Brink
Ideals and reality in Political Theory (political science), David Wiens
Philosophy of Science and the Environment, Craig Callender
History of Logic, Gila Sher
Kant and the Destruction of Traditional Metaphysics, Eric Watkins
The metaphysics and ethics of omissions, Sam Rickless and Dana Nelkin
Distributive justice, Richard Arneson
Proseminar on Kant as a systematic philosopher, Clinton Tolley
Global equality, for and against (political science), David Wiens
Kant's *Critique of Practical Reason,* Eric Wilson

Liberalism and social justice, Andrew J. Cohen
History of early modern ethics, Eric Wilson
Nietzsche's moral psychology, Jessica Berry
Philosophy of images, Daniel Weiskopf
Ancient ethics, Tim O'Keefe
Toleration and the philosophy of law, Andrew J. Cohen
Global justice, Andrew I. Cohen
Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason,* Eric Wilson

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Eric Watkins (ewatkins@ucsd.edu)
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